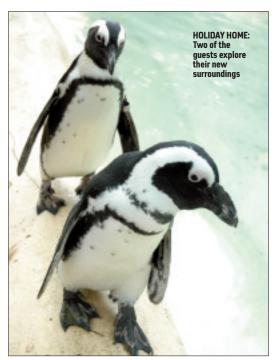


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P-p-penguins pay visit to Whipsnade while they await new home

FORTY-ONE penguins have been moved to Whipsnade Zoo while their new £2m home in London is built.

The feathered friends arrived on Tuesday and will be on show at Whipsnade until May when the Penguin Beach at London Zoo will be opened.

A Whipsnade spokeswoman said: "The penguins are in the regular enclosure with our existing penguins and are settling in well.

"They have slowly been getting used to the new surroundings, but are now starting to go into the ponds and enjoy feeding times.

"Six little chicks are currently in the bird garden, kept separately to keep an eye on them as they are younger, before they go up to join the rest of the group."

Council advice fees top £13m since 2007

EXCLUSIVE

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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MORE than £13 million of taxpayers' money has been spent on consultants by a council which said it would put an end to their use.

As more than 100 jobs were cut this week at Luton Borough Council in a bid to save £3.5 million, figures have been presented to *Luton on Sunday* by Liberal Democrat group leader David Franks (pictured right) which show millions of pounds has been forked out on advisors.

According to Cllr Franks, the authority spent nearly £13.5 million on consultants since Labour was elected to take over from the Lib Dems at the Town Hall in May 2007 – despite pledging not to use them

ing not to use them. Cllr Franks' figures show the council spent £3,219,010 during 2007/08, £5,971,910 in 2008/09 and £4,253,024 in 2009/10.

Included in the amount, which the council was unable to confirm or deny before we went to press, is £108,960 spent on a consultant to manage other consultants for the Luton Dunstable Busway.

Some of the money spent on consultants comes from the Government for

projects such as the busway and Building Schools for the Future. Figures for this year have not yet been released.

Cllr Franks said: "Most large organisations will spend some money on consultants.

"When you need an electrician or a plumber at home you bring one in, you don't employ one all the time.

"The council should be spending some money to buy in expertise they don't need very often but this spend is out of control.

"They even spent £109,000 on a consultant to manage the other consultants."

"It's the hypocrisy we are complaining about. They boasted when they took over in 2007 that consultants were 'a thing of the past' and pledged they would do away with spending millions on consultants. We didn't believe them at the time and now they've been found out."

Back in 2007, Labour Cllr Robin Harris told this paper: "They didn't produce value for money and we will be looking to deliver things in the most cost-effective way we can – without consultants."

This week, Cllr Harris said: "I think what should have been said is it is trying to do it without consultants. It was a matter of semantics.

"And I think that is exactly what we have done. We are now on £2.5 million

[excluding the government money] so we have made a lot of progress. It is not off the radar, we are working to reduce it further."

In the final year of the Lib Dems' power, they spent £4.377 million on consultants.

This newspaper revealed in 2006 that consultancy firm Atos Origin was paid £3 million by the council to review the organisation of its departments.

As part of this review, Atos advised the council to spend less money on consultants.

Cllr Franks said: "For every £1 we spent on Atos, we saved £2 by reorganising council departments."

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Potential sites for new Hatters' stadium set to be considered

BY LUI STRACCIA

A GOVERNMENT planning inspector could be asked to look at potential sites for a new home for Luton Town.

Tuesday, Luton Borough Council's executive committee made a recommendation to ask the inspector to 'consider possible sites for a new Luton Town FC stadium in this [West of Luton] or other loca-

In June 2008, when the club was taken over, director Stephen Browne said they wanted a feasibility study to find a preferred location for a new ground 'to be completed in six months'.

In November that year, club chairman Nick Owen told the BBC's Football Focus programme 'six possible sites' were being looked at as

part of the study.
In January 2010, the council - which owns Hatters' Kenilworth Road stadium - gave the club up to 14 more years at the ground. Should the club win promotion back up to the Football League between now and 2014, the council will extend the lease by a period of ten years from that point.

The current deal runs until 2018, after an extension was sealed with

the council in 2008.

Last November, Mr Browne told this newspaper the club's feasibility study 'should probably have been called a feasibility process' and that the process was still ongoing.

In 2008, Bushwood proposed a massive development to the west of Luton involving 5,500 homes and a community stadium. In a statement, Bushwood said: 'We are delighted that Luton Borough Council's executive committee has voted to support development to the West of Luton as the scheme provides many benefits to Luton and Dunstable.

'Bushwood is a privately funded scheme that will provide much needed employment and homes for

this area.
'Over a number of years we have consulted with local people, businesses and regulatory boards to ensure the scheme is fully sustainable and deliverable.

'It would be fantastic if a new site could be found for the football

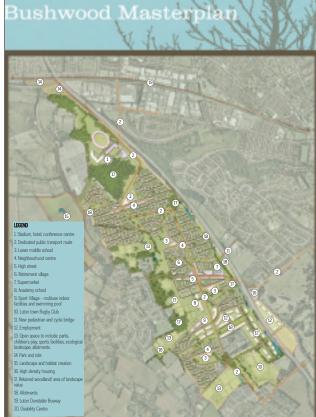
'It is a breath of fresh air to see the club finally enjoying success as a result of hard work by the present administration and it would be nice to see supporters rewarded with a new stadium when they climb the football league again.'
In a statement, the Town Hall said:

'This issue was highlighted in matters to be raised with the Inspector at the Examination in Public with regard to the Luton and South Bedfordshire Growth Area Core

'The Executive's recommendations ask the Inspector to 'consider possible sites for a new Luton ' Football Club stadium in this [West of Luton] or other locations'.

'The issue will be considered by full Council on Tuesday.'
Luton Town Football Club failed to

respond to our inquiries before we



Vauxhall to be unveiled as sponsor to roar on Three Lions

VAUXHALL will be revealed as the new sponsors of England's football team in a £22 million deal on Tuesday. The Luton-based car giant has

secured a big money agreement with all four home nations after talks with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Vauxhall Griffin logo, which was updated last year, will feature on the front of the players' shirts when England play their next competitive game - the Euro 2012 qualifier against Wales in Cardiff on March 26.

The Football Association will receive £5.5 million a year in sponsorship cash from Vauxhall, who will finally replace Nationwide Building Society, which dumped the squad after a dismal World Cup performance.

Nationwide offered to extend its last four-year contract, worth around £25 million, before the World Cup kicked-off in June

But the FA rejected it, hoping to get a better deal if Fabio Capello's men did well in South Africa.

That has allowed Vauxhall, which has its HQ in Osborne Road, to step in and provide the much needed boost The FA had been searching for. Rumours had been circulating

since November about a possible deal being on the cards, but an agreement has now been reached. The comprehensive four-year

support of international football

will give the national associations much needed revenue following the crushing World Cup vote defeat in Zurich in November. In 2010, 369 jobs were cut from

the Luton plant, leaving it with around 1,500 staff, and workers agreed to a two-year pay freeze in May as part of General Motors Europe-wide restructuring deal.

Then, last September, Vauxhall revealed it had struck an agree-ment with Renault for continued co-operation between the two car makers concerning the future of the Vivaro van producing factory in Kimpton Road until 2013, when the existing venture between the car giants is due to run

The Vauxhall

plant in

. Osborne

On Friday, Luton South Labour MP Gavin Shuker said: "Recently it has been incredibly welcome. Vauxhall and GM Europe have wanted to make investment in the UK, but I want to see the next announcement be about the van

"We need an announcement

about the future of the plant, because it's overdue.

"Staff have just gone through another Christmas with their jobs up in the air, and Luton North MP Kelvin Hopkins and I have been working hard to bring about a

Asked if the money could have been better spent on saving jobs, Mr Shuker said: "In all

fairness to Vauxhall, it's a marketing decision. It could never have come from the

same pot of money. "But it raises an important point in that Vauxhall is making hard-headed marketing decisions." Vauxhall has had a

previous long-term involvement in football with its

12 year title backing of the Conference. Its team, Vauxhall Motors, plays in the Blue Square Bet North.

Vauxhall and The FA remained tight-lipped on the deal, refusing to comment, while the union Unite said it wanted to wait until Tuesday's official announcement.

newsbriefs

MURDER SUSPECT TO FACE TRIAL

A 17-year-old boy accused of the murder of a teenager who was stabbed to death is to stand trial.

Michael Simwanza, also 17, was stabbed at the Kingsway Recreation Ground in Luton on October 30.
The teenager, who cannot be named

for legal reasons, is due to stand trial at Luton Crown Court on June 13, a court official confirmed.

DATE CHANGE FOR LUTON MATCH

A LUTON Town home match has been brought forward by a day on police advice' to avoid a potential clash with an anti-extremist gathering.

The English Defence League (EDL) plans to march through Luton town centre on February 5 - the same day when Hatters were due to play a league game against Barrow. But the club have moved the fixture to the evening of the day before.

NEW STATION CAR PARK TO OPEN

A NEW multi-storey rail station car park will open tomorrow.

The facility off Midland Road, will offer

motorists a safer, more secure, convenient and user-friendly facility.

The old Station Road surface car park will close at the same time, freeing up a vital area for a major regeneration of the station area.

The new building has been paid for by Luton Borough Council, built by Network Rail and will be operated by First Capital Connect.

'Elvis' chase one of 654 hoax calls made to cops

EXCLUSIVE

BY KEELEY KNOWLES

CLAIMS of being chased by Elvis Presley with a stick, a caller saying their 'bum is on fire' and threats to blow themselves up are just some of the hoax 999 calls made last year.
A total of 654 false emer-

gency calls were received at Bedfordshire Police's control room between January and December.

Some examples of reported 'crimes' were:

- A young man on the line saying 'it's an emergency, my bum is on fire'
- An intoxicated woman saying she loved her son and she was concerned for him as he had gone out with his girlfriend
- A man saying he needs the fire brigade as his cat is stuck up an average sized tree and it loves him so much it would normally just jump down
- A womán saying she wants to confess to murder. The operator asks her what her date of birth is and she says she does not know and then hangs up
- A man saying they need police because they are in New York'
- A woman calling for an ambulance after saying a person upstairs had been stabbed. She says she knows



this because the Holy Mary told her

On an even more serious note, there are also several hoax calls from both men and women claiming they have been raped.

Alarmingly, a number of the calls were made from children reportedly as young as four and the operators said many of them are 'messing about'

Some of the calls from children include the following:

- A girl reporting that her mum is not going to feed her
- A young child stating somebody is dead and then starts laughing

■ Young boy, aged four, states that his mum has been

Although the number last vear was much lower than that of the previous year - 792 the nature of many of the

calls remains disturbing.
A police spokesman said: "The call centre takes around a million calls every year both emergency and nonemergency. "Most of the 999 calls we

receive should be dealt with by our non-emergency system and for some of these calls, people should not be phoning the police.
"On top of calls which are

genuine but misdirected, we also take a large number of calls which are clearly hoax ones where the caller has deliberately contacted the emergency services.

"In these instances we do look to prosecute and in the past we have successfully prosecuted for misuse of the 999 system.

addition, people do need to consider whether their call is an emergency because we do deploy fast response and if a police resource is at an inappropriate or hoax call, it can then be delayed in getting to a genuine emergency.

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Police looking for young attackers who threatened lady with toy gun

TWO boys aged ten and 12 threatened an elderly woman with a plastic orange toy gun and attempted to rob her.

The victim, who is in her sixties, was walking along Copse Way, Luton, on Tuesday when she was approached by the youngsters.

The main attacker grabbed her bag at about 2.15pm and dragged her to the floor where he produced the fake weapon.

He demanded she hand over her money but she refused, and the two boys fled on foot towards Grampian

Detective Constable Joanne Merry is keen to trace members of the public who can help identify the offenders or

boys are described as white and aged about ten and 12 years old. The older boy wore a dark hooded top and the other a light hooded top.
Anyone with information relating to

this crime can contact DC Merry, in confidence, on 01582 394265 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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MFO aimed to spend £35k on advice from Chileans

EXCLUSIVE

A GOVERNMENT-funded community project planned to spend £35,000 to bring consultants from South America to advise on a proposed project to help the long-term unemployed in Marsh Farm, Luton.

Luton on Sunday can reveal this after a Freedom of Information request for all correspondence regarding the Marsh Farm Outreach (MFO) Organisation Workshop project that was planned to start this month but after a period of uncertainty was not given the £840,000 originally allocated for the project.

originally allocated for the project.
Central to the scheme was to use methods adopted in South America and South Africa to get the long-term unemployed back into work by offering them training to build up their skills in certain self-employed job opportunities, such as car mechanic, landscaping and catering.

Consultants had been brought to Luton in 2005 to run training sessions about the planned project.

The project was finally turned down in August last year but after a direct meeting between MFO and the local government minister, Andrew Stunell, that decision was overturned and it was conditionally approved. The project was then suspended when it came to light MFO had signed the contract while in liquidation.

liquidation.

The letters reveal that as far back as 2007 the Government was concerned about the use of consultants by MFO and states in a letter: 'It is our opinion that the long-term use of Chile-based consultants is not cost effective or sustainable.'

The Government wrote further in 2008 that it was 'not convinced an eight week course can deliver sufficient skills to



enable 'trainees' to run sustainable enterprises'. In 2009 the Government said that it did not believe the business plans were sufficiently robust, or that the scheme, with 45 per cent of the costs going in overheads, was value for money or that it had any long-term sustainability.

The Government stated clearly it did not believe the project was currently

There was also some concern for an

extra cost of £80,000 for the 13 facilitators, which the Government did not understand.

In November last year Mr Stunell wrote to MFO twice, where he states he was not happy with MFO delivering the project given its financial situation and did not have confidence in their ability to deliver.

He also pointed out that the £840,000 was never specifically earmarked for the Organisation Workshop project, or MFO. In his second letter Mr Stunell

addressed a late change, where a proposal was that another organisation, the Development Trust Organisation (DTA), would oversee the project with MFO doing the work.

Mr Stunell wrote that he had made it

Mr Stunell wrote that he had made it clear he was not happy with MFO managing the project and was unhappy with DTA overseeing it was not local and their involvement raised possible risks around state aid and EU regulations.

Late last year this was given board approval but the money had been allocated to other projects by Marsh Farm Community Development Trust (MECDT)

We put questions concerning these matters and how much had been spent on consultants to MFO but it declined to comment.

All relevant papers obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, along with the questions put to MFO which it would not answer, will be on our website at www.luton-dunstable.co.uk

■ On December 26, 2010, *Luton on Sunday* published a story in which we referred to MFCDT as the umbrella organisation for MFO. We would like to make it clear that MFCDT is not the umbrella organisation for MFO, which is a totally separate body.

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Airport quiet over security as terror threat level increases

LUTON Airport has remained tightlipped over reports it has beefed up security in light of the increased terrorism threat level

Extra police have been drafted in at London airports and railway terminals, and there have been reports of more officers being brought in at Luton Airport, but there is no suggestion of any intelligence of an imminent attack.

The terrorist threat specific to the UK overall remains where it has been for the past year - at the second-highest level -

severe. Security officials said the upgraded threat level for major UK transport hubs is precautionary but because the overall national threat level is at severe it means a terrorist attack is

highly likely.

They added that if there was any intelligence of an imminent threat or a plot under way the threat level would be raised to its highest level, critical.

A Luton Airport spokesman said: "We regard the security of our passengers, staff and the airport premises as our highest priority and we constantly work

in co-operation with all relevant agencies in order to maintain the highest standards possible.

"However, for obvious reasons, it is Luton Airport's policy never to discuss any details of actual security procedures"

There are five levels of threat with low meaning an attack is unlikely; moderate where an attack is possible but not likely; substantial is when an attack is a strong possibility; severe when an attack is highly likely; and critical where an attack is expected imminently.





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College boss's appointment puts icing on his CBE cake

HAPPY NEW YEAR: Central Bedfordshire

BY LUI STRACCIA

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A NEW principal has been appointed for Central Bedfordshire College – a week after he was awarded a CBE.

Ali Hadawi was named as the head of the college, based in Kingsway, Dunstable, on Kingsway, Dunstable, on Wednesday, giving his New Year

the perfect start.

His previous role was as the principal of Southend Adult Community College, where he was responsible for improving the College to achieve 'Beacon status'

Having obtained a BSc (Hons) in Electronic and Computer Engineering from the University of Birmingham and a PGCE from the University of Huddersfield, Mr Hadawi has gained extensive experience working within the

Year Honours list.

Mr Hadawi said: "I am really delighted by the honour and the recognition from Her Majesty The Queen and also for coming to lead Central Bedfordshire College, so 2011 has been a really good

"I am looking forward to serving the people and businesses of Central Bedfordshire by delivering the best education and train-

ing in the area."
The college has three campuses in Dunstable, Houghton Regis and Leighton Buzzard.

Further Education sector. His hard work both nationally and internationally was what saw him recognised in the Queen's New

County's new top cop starts work

A NEW chief constable has taken up the

reins at Bedfordshire Police. Alf Hitchcock *(pictured)*, who comes from the National College of Police Leadership at the Police Staff College in Bramshill where he was deputy chief constable, replaced Gillian Parker who retired on December 22. He said he was 'delighted' to be

appointed and optimistic for the future. Mr Hitchcock, 51, started his career with Lancashire Constabulary in 1977 before moving to the Metropolitan Police in

He said: "During my initial visits I've been impressed by the enthusiasm of all the officers and staff. There are some really difficult challenges to be tackled in the coming years and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to address these with a force that is so forward thinking and positive about the future."



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Two robbers threaten driver with a knife

A TAXI driver was robbed at knifepoint after being stopped by two men. At about 9.30pm last Sunday

At about 9.30pm last Sunday the two offenders ran out in front of the taxi in Lewsey Road, Dunstable forcing the driver to stop.

The victim stopped and the men demanded to be taken elsewhere. One of them sat in the front passenger seat and threatened him with a knife while giving directions.

The men told the driver to stop

The men fold the driver to stop in Fensome Drive, Houghton Regis, where they removed his mobile phone, a leather bag containing a small amount of cash and a wallet.

The victim managed to alert a nearby resident by sounding his car horn, forcing the offenders to flee on foot.

Detective Constable Dick Cunningham said: "I am keen to trace anyone who saw the two men in Lewsey Road prior to stopping the taxi. Both men ran into the road from opposite sides to bring the vehicle to a stop."

The main offender is described as white, aged between 17-19, 5'5" tall, of stocky build with cropped blonde hair.

If you have information you can contact Det Con Cunningham, in confidence, on 01234 842610, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

CCTV car clue to man's attack

CCTV pictures of a vehicle thought to be used by two men who stabbed a young father during the Christmas period have been released.

The 26-year-old victim was putting screenwash in his car outside his house in Brooms Road, Luton when a man struck up a conversation with him at about 12.30pm.

a conversation with him at about 12.30pm. A few seconds later, a second man appeared armed with a knife and stabbed the victim in the neck and the stomach. The injured man was taken to hospital

The injured man was taken to hospital and received treatment to a large gash on his neck and another stab wound to his stomach.

Police need to speak to members of the public who have seen the black 5 series BMW, which had distinctive Belgian number plates in the Brooms Road and Hart Lane area before or after the attack.

Lane area before or after the attack.

Detectives believe it is highly likely that this vehicle was parked somewhere in Luton for a considerable time before the incident.

They also need to speak to anyone who may have seen a car matching this description entering or leaving the town via the major trunk routes including the M1 or the A1 motorways and can give further information relating to its registration number.

Detective Constable Duncan Crighton is also keen to trace the weapon which may have been discarded by the offenders on their route out of the town. He said: "It is possible that the offenders may have





IMAGES: The car police want to trace

discarded the weapon which could have been hidden by the snow that was still on the ground at this time.

"A member of the public may have noticed a discarded knife but not connected it to this incident and I would appeal to anyone who has seen anything of this nature to contact the police."

Anyone with information about the car or the weapon can contact Det Con Crighton, in confidence, on 01582 394335 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555

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Police concerned flasher may have struck more than once

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Police are investigating two separate incidents which took place on December 20 and December 27 last year, after a man exposed himself to two teenagers in Luton.

The girls, aged 15 and 16, were in Bramingham Wood and then in an alleyway between Repton Close and Bramingham Road.

PC Gemma Widdowfield wants to hear from other people who may have been subjected to this type of behaviour in the town.

She said: "I believe similar offences have happened several times in Luton, but these may have gone unreported. I am appealing to anyone who thinks they may have been a victim to come forward and speak to the police so we can put a stop to this type of behaviour before more serious offences are committed."

Anyone with information can contact PC Widdowfield, in confidence, on 01234 841212, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Police are on the trail of male who performed indecent act

A MAN who committed an indecent act is wanted by police. A woman who was walking her dog in Blows Downs, Dunstable, when she saw the man further along the path

and believed he was urinating.

But as she got closer she noticed the man masturbating.
He then ran off towards Half Moon Lane.

The offender is described as a white man, aged between

The offender is described as a white man, aged between 40 and 50 years old and around 5ft 9ins tall with very short silver grey hair.

silver grey hair. He was wearing a shiny black bomber style jacket and beige trousers. PC Andrew Sains said the victim contacted the police the

PC Andrew Sains said the victim contacted the police the same night to report this incident and was very shocked. He said: "I am keen to trace members of the public who

were in the area and saw a man matching this description, please contact the police, in complete confidence."

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If you have information of the incident which took place on January 2 around 3pm contact PC Sains on 01234 841212, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



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Out-of-touch thinking

SIR - George Osborne blames Labour for Britain's debts. Rubbish, it was the banks' fault, and don't you forget it.

VAT is a powerful weapon to

tackle debt but not when people have got no money to spend. Again the Tories are out of touch,

David Cameron is supposed to be the Prime Minister of the greatest country in the world but he acts more like a hatchet man for the

I have always said to my wife that the one thing that you can actually see for your council tax money is having your rubbish taken away. But now it seems that they can't even get this simple task

In the good old days, binmen used to come into your back garden, pick up your dustbin, and carry it over their shoulder.

Now the bins have wheels on them, and we do half the job for

We sort out the rubbish, recycling, glass, and garden cuttings then put the right bin out on the pavement. I do not think fortnightly collections are a good idea.

The rats will feed and breed on

our rubbish then we will all get bubonic plague. Maybe then the council will take our rubbish away with out too much fuss.

Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

John Tucker

Poor shoulder burden

SIR - The imposition of the rise in VAT from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent, has highlighted graphically the 'could not care a jot' approach of the Coalition Government from both a political trust perspective and a moral point of view.

During the election campaign, the Lib Dems produced a poster in relation to VAT entitled 'The Tory ticking time bomb' telling every one of the Tories' intentions to raise VAT, which of course was fiercely denied at the time by the Conservatives.

Little did we know that not only did the Tories have in place that ticking timebomb, but their junior coalition partners would eventually light the blue touch paper and impact the consequences of it upon the poorest sections of the community.

We have thousands of our fellow citizens up and down the country already in fuel poverty and the VAT increase does not ease their burden – it just makes it worse.

We see transportation costs escalating whereby it costs more to get food into our shops and that in turn pushes up food prices.

And who will struggle to deal with the impact of that? Yes, yet again, the poorest

sections of our community . We have just watched the big major energy companies prior to the VAT increase push above inflation price increases through.

Twin that with the VAT increase and yet again it will hit the poorest sections of our community

So are we now going to believe this Government when we are told that the VAT increase is not regressive and we are to believe that the financial burdens are being distributed out with care and fair-

Liberal Democrats' role defended

SIR - I usually enjoy reading Steve Lowe's weekly column, with his amusing and incisive views on what makes the world go round.

But I cannot resist the temptation to respond to his piece in your January 2 edition, in particular his rather liverish (and inaccurate) attack on the Liberal Democrats and their role in the Coalition Government.

As Steve says, no single party won last year's General Election – Labour certainly lost it, but

nobody won it. The decision taken by Nick Clegg and his colleagues to join a coalition with the Tories, who had won most seats in Parliament but not an outright majority, was a responsible one.

Steve suggests the decision was opportunistic, but I would argue that it was the right decision for the country.

The biggest challenge facing any incoming government was the huge budget deficit bequeathed to us by Gordon Brown and his friends, including Ed Miliband, who had failed to take the necessary action to bring public expenditure back under control (although it is interesting to note that the difference between what Labour promised it would cut in its 2009 pre-budget report and what the Coalition Government actually cut in their budget last year is just £11bn out of a total budget of more than £750bn).

It was important for decisive action to be taken to restore international confidence, gain the support of the financial markets, and prevent the country from sliding into the economic mess which Greece, Ireland and other European countries are in.

No single party could have taken the necessary action on its own to reduce the huge borrowing deficit which was

Such an image is both politically

hollow and morally shallow. Fair

taxation should play a key part in terms of evening out the burden and many of the oil, gas and elec-tricity companies which have

recorded record profits (out of us

ing a greater share of the burden. That way there is a true sense of

equality as well as those with the

broadest financial shoulders also

dealing with the financial impact.

Only then can we truly say 'we are all in this together'.

Peter Burrows
Bedfordshire Liberal Party

Saxon Close, Dunstable

the consumer) should be shoulder-



hanging over us, and which would be crippling the lives and futures of our children and grandchildren.

The Lib Dems took the brave decision to join a coalition to begin dealing with this mess, and to use the opportunity to introduce a genuinely different, fairer and more progressive form of politics into British life.

Steve accuses the Lib Dems of being more concerned about ministerial seats than policy (by which I presume he means the recent decision on university tuition fees although I hope that he will concede that, unpopular as it is, the new system is much fairer than that introduced by Labour).

But Steve forgets, or rather ignores, that in the eight short months they have been in government, the Lib Dems have already succeeded in carrying out a large proportion of the pledges they made prior to last year's election, and for which we have been campaigning for many years – the income tax threshold is being raised, so that by 2015 800,000 low-paid workers will be taken out of

income tax altogether; an extra £3.6bn of cash is being put into schools funding (the 'pupil premium'), giving directly to schools an additional £430 from April for every child on free school meals or in local authority care, with this sum rising to £1,720 by 2015; ID cards scrapped, together with the intrusive national database being prepared to store more than 50 pieces of personal information on every one of us; the restoration of the link between earnings and state pensions, increasing the value of old age pensions; a tax on bank profits, and new measures to close the loopholes used by the super-rich to avoid tax; a huge investment in green energy, including offshore and rural wind farms; the scrapping of the third runway for Heathrow; and finally, a referendum in May on a fairer voting system, which, while it certainly falls short of proportional representation, will ensure that every MP elected is supported by at least 50 per cent of those who cast their votes.

I'm not sure how Steve views this programme of achievements, but I see it as a real and decisive force for good within government, influencing policy and introducing many of the progressive values which we Lib Dems have been arguing for.

Whether this new form of politics endures in our national life will be up to the voters.

But I and my fellow Liberal Democrats are proud that, after so many years of being put down or ignored, we now have a real opportunity of delivering what we have fought for and believed in a genuinely different and fairer future for this country.

Sorry if that upsets you, Steve. Clir Barry Neale
Chairman of Luton Borough **Council's Luton Liberal Democrats**

which showed that 12 per cent of businesses said that savvy IT investment had enabled them to become more responsive.

And a further 21 per cent high-lighted how it had helped them adapt to changing market condi-

While it would be easy for businesses in austere times to focus only on making savings, companies across the South East should be congratulated for their desire to continue trailblazing.
It's this innovation and creativity

that ensures they can continue to build brand loyalty, enhance customer service and challenge the

As one of the most vibrant economies in the UK, businesses in the South East have a lot to look forward to in 2011.

Andrew Beckhaus Head of Business Markets Virgin Media Business

Luton is alive and well

SIR - It is nice to see so many people from the area being awarded MBEs, OBEs and CBEs in the New Year's Honours List.

Luton is always getting a bad press in the national media but this will show there are so many people who live or work in the town who are doing great things – and their success is being celebrated nationally.

Hopefully, this achievement will show people in the town what they can do and what they can aspire to be.
If it wasn't for people like Cllr

Desline Stewart, hundreds of young people may have been left without anywhere to go, and Dr Jeune Guishard-Pine's work has no doubt helped so many people who have been victims of horrendous abuse.

I hope the national media will not skirt over these honours for the people of Luton and Bedfordshire.

They are the people who do not normally get praise for what they do but being awarded these honours will highlight their work and hopefully inspire young people to work hard and to help others.

Jay Snowdin

This cut is just wrong

SIR - I totally agree with the views expressed GMB union organiser Warren Kenny in last week's paper

LuDun workshop in Liscombe Road, Dunstable, provides vital work for 24 disabled people in the community and needs to be spared. Where else will they be able to

Understandably, staff along with their family members are very worried about its fate.

Central Bedfordshire Council would save just £300,000 if it closes - not even a dent in the large cuts they have to make in

Would it not be more worthwhile to keep this vital project open?

I admire the union's commitment to employees and its pledge to take staff to any council office to hear personally when the money will be made available to save LuDun.
I hope Central Beds makes the

right decision on February 8 and keeps LuDun open.

P Dunne Address supplied

Speak out on fuel rise SIR - The New Year sees more pain

at the pumps for drivers, with rises in fuel duty and VAT adding around 4p to the cost of a litre of petrol or

But these increases don't just hurt the driver and our hard-pressed haulage industry, they produce price

rises at the shops for everyone.

Before the General Election, David Cameron complained about how the previous government had hammered drivers with various taxes

He added that he had to do things very differently and make life easier for families facing sky-high motoring bills. He even indicated that he could help families by cutting fuel taxes when global fuel prices rise. It is time to take Mr Cameron at

his word. The Association of British Drivers calls on the Government to scrap above-inflation fuel duty rises set for the next three years, and also plans for road pricing for lorries.

I urge readers to contact their MP at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA or via www.parliament.uk

Campaign Director for the Association of British Drivers

Looking forward to 2011

SIR - Businesses in the South East are some of the most forward-thinking in the country when it comes to

Rather than looking at how it can help save them money, these business leaders are instead focusing on how technology can help them get ahead of the competition.

We carried out a recent study

letters policy

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Youth centre 'fit for the 21st century'

BY CHRISTINA JOHNSON

HERE'S a sneak peek at Luton's new £4.7 million youth facility - if

it gets the go-ahead.

TOKKO will be a five-storey building based on Gordon Street, subject to planning permission and the final review of plans by the Department for Education in

The project is led by Voluntary Action Luton (VAL) and construction work is due to begin as early as Iuly.

The centre will be a one-stop information shop for young peo-ple providing a wide range of serv-ices and activities including a climbing wall, training and counselling rooms, a games and IT area, a fashion and beauty studio and a cafe open to the public. VAL director Everton Blake said:

"We've had to wait six months to hear whether the project was still going ahead but it's been worth

"TOKKO has not only been designed by young people but they will also have an active role in managing it from agreeing the opening times to deciding what services and activities are available. And together with our partners we are determine to make it a huge success.



An artist's impression of the TOKKO project

Cllr Tahir Khan said: "We are delighted that the Government has recognised the potential of this project and is continuing to support it by providing capital funds.

"It's fantastic to see so many young people are committed to TOKKO, and that we are helping them to create a youth facility fit for the 21st century

A planning application with a proposal to open the centre seven days a week from 10am to 11pm will be submitted to the council on



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Record low level for council rent arrears

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

sophie.scott@lutononsunday.co.uk

RENT arrears are at their lowest ever according to Luton Borough Council.

They have fallen from £748,000 in the last financial year to just

under £554,000 so far this time. The council's housing income team has changed the way in which it handles rent arrears by contacting council tenants as soon as they fall into the red.

Residents are now offered payment plans rather than a demand

Cllr Waheed Akbar (pictured) said: "Rent arrears are the main cause for tenants to be evicted, so reducing arrears means fewer people lose their homes.

"I'm pleased to see the hard



work of the housing income team paying off.

"The approach used is geared to helping tenants during this diffi-cult economic climate, with an emphasis on providing debt

advice and support rather than eviction. Most organisations are seeing debts soar but the council is bucking this trend and this demonstrates what fantastic results can be achieved when we work more closely with our cus-

The reduction in rent arrears has also allowed the council to save money and resulted in fewer high-cost legal actions to recover outstanding debts. It also results in more money

being available to spend on services such as improved living conditions and repairs for council tenants.

Tenants who are experiencing difficulties in paying their rent should contact Luton Borough Council's Income Team on 01582

Shops at risk as HMV announces closures

THE FUTURE of Luton's HMV and Waterstone's stores are up in the air after HMV Group announced the closure of 60 stores on Wednesday.

The company blamed the bad weather and challenging trading conditions for its declining sales and it is expected 40 HMV

branches will close, along with 20 Waterstone's bookshops, over the next 12 months.

However, neither of the companies is able to confirm which branches across the country will be closing. HMV spokesman Gennaro

Castaldo said: "I can't comment

specifically on the future of the store in Luton. As a town, Luton is ideally somewhere we would like to continue to trade in."

A Waterstone's spokesman said: "Around 20 of those 60 stores

closing will be Waterstone's. "We have no detail which stores will be affected."

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Skip firm fined after ignoring waste rules

BY JULIA SUTTON

A SKIP hire company owner has been fined after admitting running an illegal waste site.
Nicholas Fletcher, 23, of Church

Road, Streatley, appeared at Bedford Magistrates' Court on December 31 after being arrested by police for failing to previously attend court.

The court was told that despite advice from the Environment Agency and eventually a notice to remove the waste, Fletcher continued to operate his business, Dunstable Skips, at Clophill Road, in Maulden.

District Judge Nicholas Leigh-Smith banned Fletcher from driving for six months to stop him carrying out illegal activity as well as fining him £210 and ordering him to pay £150 costs.

The site came to the attention of the Agency in October 2009 through an anonymous report of illegal waste activity and officers investigating found waste in skips and on the ground.
Sarah Nicholson, prosecuting,

said that on subsequent visits to the site there was always waste in skips and on the ground which included building material included building material, wood, metals, plastics, and some-



times hazardous waste. Fletcher told officers that he knew he was breaking the law but would not have been able to stay in business if he had paid to be properly approved.

Mrs Nicholson told the court that even up to August 17 last year Fletcher was still carrying on his business without a permit and in a way that could have an adverse effect on the environment, particularly the hazardous waste.

She said: "These offences were financially motivated. The cost of permitting this site would have been significant because before a permit can be granted, the site would have to be altered."

After the hearing, Agency officer Rob Stevenson said:
"Unpermitted sites have an
unfair advantage over those
which comply with the regulations to protect the environment.

"They undercut competitors which leads to more and more businesses operating illegally leaving the environment at risk.'



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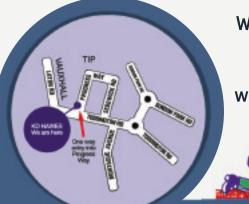
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Hostel group is aiming gsters back on th



HOME: Mary Seacoles Housing Association on Brantwood Road

IT is tough enough for some of Luton's youth, but what if you were to find yourself homeless and with no one to turn to?

That's where a hostel comes in. Mary Seacole Housing Association was created by Cllr Desline Stewart after she started taking in young people at her home in 1985.

When too many were turning up, she was granted Government funding to buy new premises in 1986, the first of which was in Brantwood Road, Luton, where they are now based.

It has been so successful, Cllr Stewart was awarded an MBE in the New Year's honours list.

With six properties in Luton they help mainly 16-25 year olds by giving them a place to live while they wait to find somewhere for themselves

There are three hostels in Brantwood Road, one on Ashburnham Road, another in Alma Link and a men-only facility in Wauluds Bank Drive.

Project manager Audrev Lewis has been working for the association since 1995 and has seen it grow and grow. She said: "You think these

young people will have been in trouble with the police but most of the time it is family situations. For example, someone's mother

could have died and their dad remarried and the child doesn't get on with their new step-mum so they have to leave.

"We give them all the help they need to become independent enough to live on their own.

"Most of them need structure. We make sure they all do things like keep their rooms tidy and even simple things like saying 'good morning' to us each day. "There is a mutual respect. We

show them respect and we get it back. It is a very rewarding job."

Deputy co-ordinator and train-

ing manager Maureen Randall said: "We take a holistic approach

to how we train our young people.
"Most of our clients probably dropped out of schools so we do things that will help them with their CV. They get their numeracy and literacy up to GCSE level which they can put on their CV.

"We also do things such as drug and alcohol awareness as well as sexual health as these are the kind of things they will deal with in life.

Mary Seacole Housing Association has three different stages for its hostels, and depending on how independent the residents are will determine which one they stay in.

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ONE woman who has helped young people with nowhere to go was last week honoured with an MBE. Luton Borough Councillor Desline Stewart set up Mary Seacole Housing Association in 1985, and it now has six properties. Reporter **SOPHIE SCOTT** spoke to staff and one of the young people at a hostel.



room in a stage one hostel such as Mary Seacole House in Brantwood Road. When they need more independence they are moved onto higher stages.

Those close to moving out completely will be put into a stage three house such as the one in Ashburnham Road where they will have their own keys and are helped by a resettlement officer. Residents can live in the hostels for up to two years.



Once they have their own place to live they are still given support by the charity and are free to come and visit their resettlement officer for help with any problems which may come up.

Staff speak proudly of the residents they have helped, with some hoping to go to university next year and others starting full-time jobs. For more information about Mary Seacole Housing Association call 01582 415651.



CASE STUDY:

ONE young woman spoke about her success of living in the hostel at Stewart House.

Louise Spink, 24, was left with no other option back in 2005 when she found herself homeless.

At 19, her mum had moved away and Louise was living with a boyfriend before she decided to leave.

At first she was living at the house in Brantwood Road before being moved to Stewart House, in Alma Link.

She said: "I went into the hostel and while I was there I used the training facilities and went to regular training sessions where I did computer courses as well as others

"I met quite a few people there, the atmosphere was really good. Most people associate hostels with bad things like drugs but it was never like that when I was

"I got a flat while I was there, which I am still at now and have lived at for more than four years.

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ANPR system helps to catch car thieves

BY CHRISTINA JOHNSON

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TWO stolen vehicles worth an estimated total of £16,000 were seized last month with the help of a number plate recognition

In December, Bedfordshire Police's Intercept Team made 47 arrests across the county, mostly relating to drugs, theft, assault, drink-driving and driving while disqualified.

The Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system helped capture £1,400 in money laundering cash and £3,000 worth of Class A drugs. Non-payment of fines totalling £250 was also recovered. The intercept unit was set up in February last year to target criminals through their use of the county's roads and it is monitored 24 hours a day.

ANPR works by using cameras which read number plates and compare them against a variety of databases, including the Police National Computer. Sergeant Ian Stoughton, of the

ANPR Intercept Team, said: 'December was an extremely busy month for the team. In addition to our regular patrols we also joined with police forces from the eastern region to carry out a joint operation in Essex, which will be



replicated in Bedfordshire later

"We also carried out various operations across the county including Operation Jackdaw, the force's drink-drive campaign, burglary campaigns Operation Dunbar and Operation Peak, as well as working on Operation Vision in Houghton Regis. All in all, we had a busy and very successful month.

If anyone has any information about crime they can contact Bedfordshire Police on 01234 841212 or Crimestoppers, anony-

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Deaths

DEMPSEY Norah Theresa of Saltdean Close, Luton, passed away peacefully on the 29th December 2010 aged 83 years. A loving and devoted wife to Martin, Mum to Gerald, Christine, Catherine Martin, Mum to Gerald, Christine, Catherine, Thomas and Oonagh and a wonderful Gran and Great Gran to all her grand children, she will be very sadly missed by all. Funeral reception into the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church on Monday 17th January at 7:00pm. Requiem Mass to be on Tuesday 18th January at 11:00am followed by an interment in the Vale Cemetery, Family flowers only by request, donations in memory of ers only by request donations in memory of Norah for the British heart Foundation may be sent c/o Neville Funeral Service. Tel:01582 490005

DOCKREE Pamela
Joan of Dallow Road,
Luton, passed away
peacefully in Capwell
Grange Nursing Home
on the 3rd January 2011
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Thursday 13th January
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FALLON Cornelius Myles, known as "Con", of Wigmore Luton, passed away on Wednesday 5th January aged 83 years. Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart RC Church Stopsley Luton on Monday 10th January at 6:30pm. Family flowers only please with donations in memory of Con for Sacred Heart Church sent c/o Neville Funeral Service. 01582 490005 FALLON

QUINCE - Peacefully on 26th December 2010, Barbara Marian aged 83 years of Milton Ernest, formerly of Hallwicks Road, Luton. A much loved mother, nana and great grandmother. Funeral service on Tuesday 11th January 2011, 3.00pm at All Saints Church, Milton Ernest. Flowers or if preferred donations for 'Macmillan Cancer Support' may be sent to 'Macmillan Cancer Support' may be sent to A.L. & G. Abbott, Funeral Directors, 150, Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds. Kempston, MK42 8BH.



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BY CHRISTINA JOHNSON

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The venue in Katherine Drive, Dunstable, has been running for 21 years and was given the thumbs-up by 30 per cent of *Luton on Sunday* readers who voted in our quest to find the hottest Indian eating house and take-

away in town. It first opened in 1990 and its owner, Shamsul Alam, 43, said he and his two colleagues were delighted with the award

the award.

He said: "I am the joint owner with two colleagues and we have a staff of ten people who have been working very hard for a long time."

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New centre to offer better lifesaving aid

BY CHRISTINA JOHNSON

MORE people will be able to learn vital lifesaving skills thanks to a new training centre set to open tomorrow.

The St John Ambulance is to have a base at Dunstable Community Fire Station, in Brewers Hill, which was opened in January 2009.

The modern building offers lift access and improved facilities for those being trained in first aid. Sue Skoyles, regional training

manager for the East of England, said: "The Luton training centre will be closed allowing us to accommodate eight more students in our new training room.

"There is also some on-site parking as opposed to Luton where there was none. In addition, there is local on-road parking nearby as well as a large car park only a few minutes away.

"We are confident that the new training centre will offer improved facilities and surroundings for our students.
"This will allow us to continue

to train people to make a difference between a life saved and a life lost thanks to first aid."

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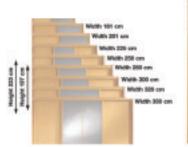
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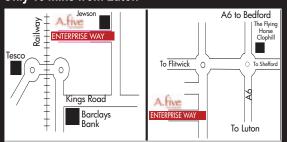


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For many people, the over-indulgence of Christmas is followed by a sudden burst of motivation in January as we set our goals and resolutions for the New Year Whether it's quitting smoking, losing weight or just getting fit, start 2011 as you mean to go on with a New You for the New Year.



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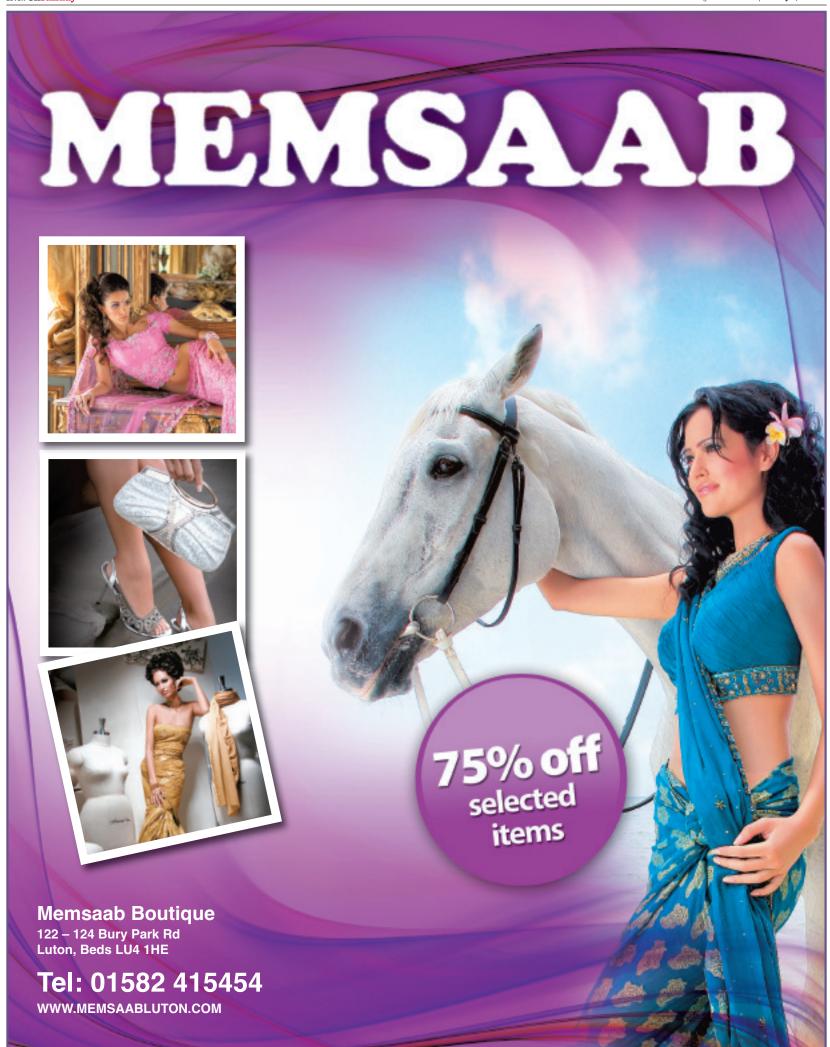
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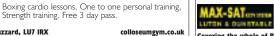
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TRAVEL FEATURE

AN episode of 'Last of the Summer was not what I expected to see when I turned on the TV in my hotel room in Tunisia. Ironically, the point I switched it on was where Barry Wilkinson was stressing out about his golfing travails, which set a good tone for this break.

Āside from a four-year stint as a venue on the European Tour, Tunisia where golfers think of going for a winter getaway.

That could soon be about to

change.

At present the North African nation has just ten courses and around 600 active golfers, but plans are already afoot to double the number of courses by 2020.

Already a popular destination among French, German and Scandinavian golfers, Tunisia is now

hoping to lure visitors from the UK away from Morocco during the winter months.

With temperatures of 24 degrees centigrade during November it's a tempting prospect, while players of all levels will find plenty of chal-lenges throughout the various courses in the country - even weekend hackers like myself.

The city of Hammamet on the east coast is setting itself up as the centre of Tunisian golf, with the neighbour-ing Citrus and Yasmine Valley venues both helping to promote the sport in the area.

Constructed in 1992, Citrus has two 18-hole par 72 courses in Les Oliviers and La Foret, as well as the nine hole executive course.

With trees and dense undergrowth lining the fairway and many of the greens protected by a myriad of bunkers, La Foret will test even the lowest handicappers.

Next door at Yasmine, the course is undergoing renovation with a new

Into station

MARC flew from London Heathrow with Tunisair (prices start from £170 including taxes).
He resided at the Alhambra
Thalasso, Yasmine Hammamet (double rooms start from £34

per night).
He also stayed at the
Residence Hotel, Gammarth

(double garden view rooms start from £266 per night) For further details of travel and for information on what's happening in Tunisia go to www.cometotunisia.co.uk

Nicklaus Design 18-hole facility set to be completed in October. The brand new par 68 Tahadi Course, including an island green on the short par four sixth, will open ahead of the planned remodelling of the

current par 72 Classic Course.
With a new airport being completed

45km away in Enfidha - set to open for regular flights this year - and plenty of hotels within easy reach of the courses, everything is in place for the region to be at the forefront of the Tunisian golf tourism sector.

Being the headquarters of the Desert Fox himself, Erwin Rommel, during World War Two it is perhaps not surprising that Hammamet is where Germans travel to in droves.

Still, at least they haven't taken to putting their towels over chairs in the bar to reserve them for later just yet. An hour's drive away in Sousse is the picturesque El Kanaoui course which hosted the Tunisian Open from 1982-85, as well as an event on the Seniors

In close proximity is Monastir and a short hop across the road from the city's airport is the Palm Links course. Situated near the beach it is a links style course, with the long holes dotted with cross-bunkers that punished

any wayward drives from the tees.

But the closest thing to a traditional

British links course has to be the one attached to the Residence Hotel in the capital city of Tunis.

Built on a salt marsh, it is characterised by several long straight par fours that seem to be popular in this part of the world, as well as tough water hazards on the back nine. Make sure you bring plenty of spare halls

Tunis is also home to the popular Carthage Federal Golf Course, which is the oldest in the country having been built in 1927 and located in the heart of the city.

neart of the city.

It's nice to be able to play golf in your shorts during the winter months and flying back home there was a tinge of sadness knowing that the clubs were now being put away until about April.

Oh, and if you do go out to Tunisia for a golfing break and find any Dunlop DDH balls lying around in the rough then I'd be most grateful if you would return them to me.

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Sunday

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 BBC News. 12.05 Escape to the Country. (R) 1.05 Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) 1.35 EastEnders. 3.30 Polar Bear: Spy on the Ice. (R) 4.30 Songs of Praise. 5.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 Jimmy's Food Factory. (R)

6.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit The Sage, Gateshead, where they examine a phonograph and a tablecloth. (R)

7.00 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury and Adam Henson visit

Candleford. New series. Dorcas is intrigued by a newcomer to Candleford.

9.00 Zen. The death of an zen. Ine deatn of an aristocrat prompts Zen to investigate a secretive organisation – but powerful figures seem determined to keep the truth hidden. Drama, starring Rufus Sewell

Sewell.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.55 Gavin & Stacey. Pam and Mick host a beer

and Mick host a beer and curry night. (R) 11.25 FILM: Serendipity. (2001) Drama, starring Kate Beckinsale; Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: Coast. (R) 1.55 Holby City. (R) 2.55 Donald Trump: All-American Billionaire. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC₂

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Film: A Distant Trumpet. (1964) Western, starring Troy Donahue. 1.25 Live Snooker: The Masters, Mark Selby v Mark King. 5.00 Ski Sunday. 5.45 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The final at the Lakeside Country Club.

8.00 Coast. team explores the Inner and Outer Hebrides. (R) 9.00 Arctic with Bruce Parry.

The explorer discovers how Inuit communities in the far north of Greenland rely on traditional hunting, and learns how global warming is transforming the lives of Arctic

Premiere. A journalist posted to Iraq learns the bizarre story of a secret experiment to endow soldiers with psychic powers.
Satirical comedy, with
George Clooney, Ewan
McGregor and Kevin

Spacey.

11.30 Three Men Go to Scotland. Conclusion. Scotland. Conclusion.

Rory McGrath, Dara O

Briain and Griff Rhys

Jones continue their

adventure in the

Hebrides, visiting

Fingal's Cave and

Britain's most remote pub. (R)

12.30 Snooker: The Masters. 1.20 Snooker Extra. 3.20 BBC News. 3.55 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. **7.25** Toonattik. **9.25** The Crocodile Hunter Dianies. (R) **9.55** FA Cup Highlights. (R) **11.25** Thy News; Weather. **11.30** This Morning; Sunday. **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** Live FA Cup Football. Manchester United v Liverpool (Kick-off 1.30pm). **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 Dancing on Ice. New series. In a change from previous years, Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the first of two rounds in which viewers choose the line-up for the main competition. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

series. Danny agrees to meet his estranged father Robert (Warren

father Robert (Warren Clarke).

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The three least popular couples have to skate again.

10.15 That Sunday Night

Show New series The

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guests.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.00 FA Cup Highlights.
Action from today's third-round ties.

12.00 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.55 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 October Road. (R) 2.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 The Great Swim Series. (R) 7.05 T4: Live and Lost. (R) 8.05 T4: Friends. (R) 8.30 T4: Friends. (R) 9.00 T4: Hollycaks. 11.35 T4: 4Music Meets Glee. (R) 11.35 T4: 4Music Meets Giee. (R)
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(R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.35
Film: Angus, Thongs and Perfect
Snogging. (2008) Premiere.
Comedy drama, starring Georgia
Groome.

730 Channel 4 News

7.55 4thought.tv.
8.00 Dispatches: The Battle for Haiti. Efforts to recapture convicts who escaped prison during Haiti's 2010 earthquake. 9.00 FILM: Run Fat Boy

RILM: RUIN FAT BOY RUIN. (2007) A man who regrets leaving his fiancee standing at the altar tries to prove his love for her by running the London Marathon. Romantic comedy, starring Simon Page starring Simon Pegg and Thandie Newton

10.55 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2010. Teams of celebrities answer questions on the year just gone. (R)

1.00 Newlyweds: The One Year Itch. (R) 1.55 My Weird & Wonderful Family. (R) 2.50 Lucky Escape. (R) 2.55 Coming Up: Would Like to Meet. 3.25 Enough. 3.30 Wedding House. 4.25 Brothers & Sisters. 5.15 ER. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig, 6.05
Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15
Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25
Fireman Sam. (R) 6.35 Miss
Spider's Sunny Patch Friends.
(R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Mio
Mao. (R) 7.05 Chiro. (R) 7.15
Harry and His Bucket Full of
Dinosaurs. (R) 7.25 Bert and
Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.30
Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.30
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Princess. (R) 8.10 Castle Farm.
(R) 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle
Top Bill and His Best Friend
Corky. (R) 8.35 Family (R) 8.40
Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Olivia. (R)
9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30
The Milkshakel Show. (R) 10.00
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(R) 11.00 How Do They Do It? (R)
11.30 There's a Rhino in My
Housel (R) 12.30 Tilanic: The
True Story. (R) 1.30 Film: Mary Housel (R) 12.30 Titanic: The True Story, (R) 130 Film: Mary Higgins Clark's Remember Me, (1995) Psychological thriller, starring Kelly McGillis, 3.25 Film: The Princess Bride, (1987) Confi-drantasy adventure, starring Cary Elwes, 5.15 Five News, 5.20 Film: Dr Dolittle 2, (2001) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy.

7.05 FILM: Charlie's Angels.

(2000) Adventure, with Drew Barrymore. 9.00 FiLM: The Long Kiss Goodnight. (1996) Action thriller, starring Geena Davis.

11.20 FILM: Until Death. (2007)

1.20 SuperCasino. 4.00 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.50 Meals in Moments. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshakel Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Paging Cry (P). Racing Car. (R)

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3.25 Dancing on Ice Final 5.40 Take Me Out 6.55 Film: Dante's Peak (1997) 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 Film: The Last Samurai (2003)

ITV3

1.50 A Touch of Frost 4.00 Film: Are You Being Served? (1977) 6.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 The Return of Sherlock Holmes 9.00 Foyle's War **11.20** Film: Sherlock Holmes Hands of a Murderer (1990)

ITV4

2.25 Film: Nevada Smith (1966) 5.00 Film: 633 Squadron (1964) 7.00 The Sweeney 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Driven to Kill (2009) 11.00 Film: The Beast (1988)

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who 8.05 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out 8.30 Film: WALL.E (2008) A robot cleaning a deserted future Earth falls in love with a survey droid and follows her on a journey into space. Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Burtt. 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Normans 8.00 Dan Snow's Norman Walks 8.30 Johnny Kingdom's Year with the Birds 9.00 Still Folk Dancing After All These Years 10.00 Film: Priceless (2006) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Audrey Tautou and Gad Elmaleh. 11.40 Classic Albums

3.55 Film: Grease (1978) 6.05 Friends 7.05 90210 8.00 Friends 9.00 Film: Aeon Flux (2005) **10.45** The Idiot Awards

3.10 The Beverly Hillbillies (1993) 5.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) **6.50** Planet of the Apes (1968) **9.00** The Hunt for Red October (1990) 11.40 Slither (2006)

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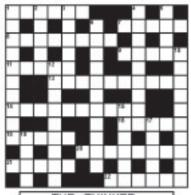


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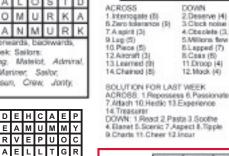
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Complete the grid so that all rows, columns and 3x3 boxes contain the numbers 1 to 9. Solution next week



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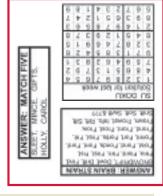
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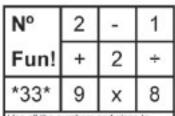
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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre Good: 16 Maestro: 24



Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 8+2+2x9-1=44 Last week: 3 + 3 + 7 x 4 - 1 = 31



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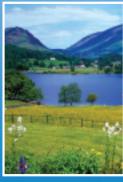
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BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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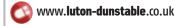
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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL PARADE)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the highway authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).
The Order will come into operation at 7am on the 12th March 2011 for a period of 24 hours.

of 24 hours.

The reason for the Order is to facilitate the holding of the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the 12th March 2011.

The effect of the Order will be to close to traffic, when signs are displayed, the lengths of road specified in the Schedule below on 12th March 2011 at the times specified in the Schedule.

It is anticipated that the roads, with the exception of Manor Road, will be closed for so needed of time to all out the second to go the the top of the time to the times openified in the

for a period of time to allow the parade to pass during the times specified in the

- A vehicle will be exempted if the vehicle is being used
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 a) for fire brigade, police or ambulance purposes;
 b) in the service of the local authority;
 c) in the service of a statutory undertaker in pursuance of statutory duties;

d) for, and is being driven as part of, the Procession; e) for the removal of obstruction to traffic.

All diversions for traffic will be clearly marked by signs. Access will be maintained wherever possible.

9th January 2011

R J Stevens,

R J Stevens, Solicitor to the Council Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE		
ROAD	LENGTH	TIMES
Alma Street	The whole length	11am to 2pm
Castle Street	From its junction with Flowers Way to its junction with George Street.	11am to 2pm
Flowers Way	From its junction with Castle Street to its junction with Park Street West.	11am to 2pm
George Street	From its junction with Castle Street to its junction with Upper George Street / Manchester Street.	11am to 2pm
Manchester Street	The whole length.	11am to 2pm
Manor Road	The whole length.	7am to 3 pm
Park Street	From its junction with Manor Road to its junction with Park Street West.	11am to 2pm
Park Street West	The whole length.	11am to 2pm
Upper George Street	From its junction with Alma Street to its junction with George Street.	11am to 2pm

Luton Borough Council THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (CALVERTON ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order will come into operation on 21st February 2011, and it is anticipated that works will rebruary 2011, and it is anicipated that works will be completed on 4th March 2011. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed as per the schedule below unless any such works are delayed by unforeseen circumstances.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below during the dates and times in the Schedule below when signs are displayed.

The purpose of the Order is to enable Highway Improvement Works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs. 9th January 2011

R J Stevens Solicitor to the Council Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

HOAD	ROAD	TIMES
Calverton Road	Outside No. 59 Calverton Road to outside No.53 Calverton Road	From Monday 21st February 2011 to Friday 4th March 2011



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Luton Borough Council THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 23) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on 4th January 2011 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order will come into operation on 24th January 2011.

The effect of the Order will be as follows:

 To Remove and Revoke Disabled Parking Bays as described in the schedule below

A copy of the Order together with plans showing the length of road affected and Statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected at the Legal Services Division at Apex House, 30-34 Upper George Street, Luton (public entrance in Alma Street) between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that they are not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for this purpose. purpose.

9th January 2011

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SCHEDULE 1

Remove and Revoke Disabled Parking Bays

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ı	ROAD	DESCRIPTION
	221 Hitchin Road	West side from a point opposite the boundary between No's 229/231 Hitchin Road north eastwards for a distance of 6.6 metres
	16 Chatsworth Road	North western side from a point 1 metre northwest of the boundary of No's 14/16 Chatsworth Road in a south westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres
	69 Portland Road	Southwest side from a point opposite the boundary between No's 67/69 Portland Road north westwards for a distance of 6.6 metres
Road opposi		Southwest side from a point opposite the boundary between No's 5/7 Corncastle Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 metres
	40 Walcot Avenue	West side from a point 1.5 metres south of the boundary between No's 38/40 Walcot Avenue southwards for a distance of 6.6 metres

Public Notices

Luton Borough Council THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (HATTERS WAY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order will come into operation on 7th February 2011, and it is anticipated that works will be completed on 27th March 2011. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed as per the schedule below unless any such works are delayed by unforeseen circumstances

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below during the dates and times in the schedule below when signs are displayed.

The purpose of the Order is to enable maintenance of the drainage system to

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

9th January 2011

R J Stevens Solicitor to the Council Town Half Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
Hatters Way	From its junction with Dallow Road Roundabout to the junction with the Telford Way roundabout	From 8pm to 5am from Monday 7th February 2001 2011 to Sunday 27th March 2011

Luton Borough Council THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (AMENDMENT NO. 33) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on 4th January 2011 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Tratfic Regulation Act 1984 as amended. The Order will come into operation on 24th January 2011.

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 The effect of the Order will be as follows:

 1. To revoke existing Article 19, Restrictions on any part of urban road other than a carriageway, of The Borough of Lutno (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading) Order 2009 ("the Principal Order")

 2. To insert the following as new Article 19, Restrictions on any part of urban road other than a carriageway, into the Principal Order:

 "No person shall except upon direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform shall cause or permit any vehicle to stop or wait at any time with one or more wheels on any part of the verge or footway in any lengths of road identified on the attached plans other than in compliance with any of the standard objections 1(a) (b) (c) 2(c) 3(i iv)"

 3. To revoke the No Waiting at Anytime restriction as described in Schedule 1 below.
- below.
 To below a Prohibition of verge/footway Parking at Anytime as described in Schedule 2 below.
 To introduce a No Waiting at Anytime restriction as described in Schedule.

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ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Dunstable Road Service Road	North side from its western end adjacent to the M1 Motorway Slip Road to a point 15 metres east of its junction with Belper Road.

SCHEDULE 2 Introduce a Prohibition of verge/footway Parking at Anytime

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Dunstable Road Service Road	All areas of footway and verge between the westbound carriageway of Dunstable Road and Dunstable Road Service Road from its junction with Chaul End Lane roundabout to its junction with Junction 11 of M1 Motorway roundabout.

SCHEDULE 3 No Waiting at Anytime

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Atherstone Road	West side from its junction with Dunstable Road Service Road for a distance of 10 metres.
	East side from its junction with Dunstable Road Service Road for a distance of 12 metres.
Dunstable Road Service Road	North side from its western end adjacent to the M1 Motorway Slip Road to a point opposite the western kerb line of Belper Road
	South side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerb line of Atherstone Road to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Atherstone Road
	South side from a point 10 metres west of the kerb line of Overstone Road to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Overstone Road
Overstone Road	Both sides from its junction with Dunstable Road Service Road for a distance of 10 metres.
Stoneygate Road	Northwest (even numbered) side from a point opposite the boundary between No's. 108/106 Stoneygate Road in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 60 metres
	Both sides from its junction with Dunstable Road for a distance of 10 metres.

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUE OF 2 NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luton Borough Council invites written requests for an back from any person wishing to apply for one of 2 new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Lice

issued. There is a 2 stage process in relation to the issue of the additional Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences. The first stage involves vehicle applications being checked in order to ascertain whether comply with the criteria adopted by the Regulation Committee and set out below. The second stage will consist of all applicants who appear to comply with the criteria as set out at stage one, their names being forwarded to an independent organisation, the Electoral Reform Society, in order for them to undertake a random selection of 2 names. The proprietors who have been selected will have be issued with a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence provided they comply with the Council's adopted by the Regulation Committee. The criterion The applicant must:

The applicant must: -

- Be a fit and proper person between the ages of 21 and 65 years and have held a full-authorised drivers licence issued by the DVLA for not less than 12 months.
- Satisfy Lution Brough Council's conviction policy in respect of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers i.e. have not more than 9 penalty points in respect of offences under the Road Traffic Acts, and/or any "unspeni" Criminal Convictions, as set out in Lution Borough Council Minute 427/200 of 11th April 2000.
- Give a written undertaking in the following terms
- a) Undertake not to sell or transfer the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence within two years of the
- licence being granted.

 b) Undertake that the Hackney Carriage will ply for hire, within the Borough of Luton, during weekdays, at night-lime and at weekends.

 Confirm in writing that the applicant:
 a) is not an existing Hackney Carriage Proprietor or holder of a current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence issued by Luton Borough Council.

 b) has not been the holder in the last two years of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence issued by Luton Borough Council.

- by Luton Borough Council.

 Give a written undertaking that he/she will comply with Luton Borough Council's Policies and in particular comply with the following:

 a) provide a Hackney Carriage that satisfies the Council's Policies in that it is a vehicle of the same type and design as Hackney Carriages licensed to ply for hire in London by the Metropolitan Police (minutes 2265(91)(98) & 2656(94)(98) (Appendices 2 & 8), now the responsibility of Transport for London, i.e. a London type "Black Cab" or approved wheelchair accessible vehicle as set out in Luton Borough Council Minute 796/96 of 16th May 1996, and is less than 12 months old when first licensed, Or
- Is less man 12 informs our when inscribed, or provide a copy of an order for a Hackney Carriage that satisfies the council's Policies (Appendix 2) in terms of access, manufacture and design, i.e. a London-type "Black Cab or approved wheelchair-accessible vehicle as set out in Luton Borough Council Minute 534/96 16th May 1996, and is less than 12 months old when first licensed.
- Total way 1996, and is less than 12 mioritis oil when instructions of the LICENSING SERVICE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE LICENSING SERVICE IN HALL, LUTON, LUI 280 NO LATER THAN 4.00pm ON FRIDAY 28th JANUARY 2011. NC APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

Anyone who wishes to make a second conservation and the conservation area.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to me at the above address quoting the application number/s, within 21 days of the date of publication of the notice. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access etc. Al etters received are open to public inspection and so cannot be treated in

Most simple and straightforward applications are delegated to me to decide but when the application is determined by the Council's Development Management Committee, you may make your views known by speaking at the Committee meeting. Should the application/s on which you wish to comment be one's which will be determined by the Development Management Committee and if you wish to present your views in person to the Committee as well as in writing, please say so clearly in your representations and I will send you details of how to proceed as soon as the Committee date is known.

Assistant Director Development Management 09 January 2011

	CB/10/04198/FULL Departure / Major / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of former quarry depot buildings and change of
	use of land to create a 40 berth marina, erection of a two
	storey eco building including offices, a two bedroomed staff
	flat, chandlery and cafe with associated car parking, new
	access, engineering and landscaping works (revised
	application CB/09/06675/FULL)
LOCATION:	Former Quarry Works, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton
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Buzzard, LU7 2AE

APPLICATION NO: CB/10/04371/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing garage (B1) and redevelopment of site
and additional land with 7 No 3 & 4 bed houses and ancillary works. LOCATION:

Victoria Garage, Victoria Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2NT APPLICATION NO: CB/10/04462/MW General Publicity
PROPOSAL: Application for retrospective planning

Application for retrospective planning permission for the retention of a 3m high close boarded wooden fence Former BR Goods Yard, New Mill End, Chiltern Green Road, East Hyde LOCATION:

CB/10/04472/MW General Publicity
Proposal to amend condition 7 of the Non Material
Amendment appended to planning permission
CB/09/06754/MW to allow for the barbed wire topping of the APPLICATION NO: PROPOSAL: fence to be angled away from the site.
Former BR Goods Yard, New Mill End, Chiltern Green Road,

LOCATION: East Hyde APPLICATION NO: CB/10/04485/REN Affects Listed Building or its Setting

Erection of single storey rear extension.

Tudor Cottage 70 High Street, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 LOCATION:

APPLICATION NO: CB/10/04522/FULL Major Development & General Publicity
PROPOSAL:
Extensions and alterations to No.1, demolition of Chestnuts
and redevelopment of the site to provide 3 detached
dwellings, 7 apartments, amenity, associated parking,
communal amenity space and landscaping.

LOCATION: No. 1 and The Chestruts Friars Walk, Dunstable, LU6 3JA

APPLICATION NO: C8/10/04525/FULL Affects Conservation Area

FROPOSAL: Erection of first floor extension and alterations to rear of

dwellings 9 & 11 Leighton Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6AN I OCATION: APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00011/FULL Affects Conservation Area PROPOSAL: Change of Use from retail shop to two dwellings (Resubmission of CB/10/03602/FULL)

LOCATION: 18 20 Old Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2RE

LOCATION:

APPLICATION NO: CB/10/04307/VOC Affects Right of Way / General Publicity PROPOSAL: Removal of conditions 6, 8, 9, 10 & 12 of permission CB/09/05130 to enable the retention of an access and fence as constructed

100 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable, LU6 3RG

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9th January 2011

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SCHEDULE

Luton Borough Council
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (NO. 1) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below until works have been completed. Therefore the Order will be in operation when signs are displayed.

The purpose of the Order is to enable Highway Improvement Works to be carried out.

The Order will come into operation on 17th February 2011.

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ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES	
Saywell Road	The entire length	From 17th February 2011	
Turners Road South	The entire length	From 17th February 2011	
Bloomfield Avenue	The entire length	From 17th February 2011	

Luton Borough Council
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (RUSSELL STREET)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011
NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
The Order will come into operation on 21st February 2011, and will cease after a period of 18 months or when such works are completed.
The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below during the dates and times in the Schedule below when signs are displayed.
The purpose of the Order is to enable Highway Improvement Works to be carried out.

carried out.

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SCHEDULE.

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
Russell Street	From its junction with Farley Hill to its junction with Russell Rise	From 21st February 2011

Luton Borough Council
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO. 2) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of Section 21 of the Town Police Clause Act 1847

The Order will come into operation on 5th February 2011, for a period of 24 hours.

- (a) Allow a Police Constable in uniform to temporarily close to traffic any road in the Borough of Luton as deemed necessary during the period of 24
- (b) Close the roads specified in the Schedule below to all vehicular traffic when signs are displayed and/or direction is given by a Police Constable in uniform.
- vehicle will be exempted if the vehicle is being used
- (i) for fire brigade, police or ambulance purposes; (ii) in the service of the local authority;
- (iii) in the service of a statutory undertaker in pursuance of statutory
- (iv) for the removal of obstruction to traffic.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate a planned demonstration and

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Ross Close	The entire length
Whipperley Ring	The entire length
Bolingbroke Road	The entire length
Meyrick Avenue	The entire length
Russell Street	The entire length
Salisbury Road	The entire length
Napier Road	The entire length
Buxton Road	The entire length
A505 Stuart Street, Chapel Viaduct, Dunstable Road	From its junction with Castle Street to its junction with Telford Way
Cardiff Road	The entire length
Inkerman Street	The entire length
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Telford Way	The entire length
Liverpool Road	The entire length
Cardigan Street	The entire length

Public Notices

Luton Borough Council THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (BROOMS ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The Order will come into operation on 1st February 2011, and it is anticipated that the works will be completed during a period of 12 Months. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed as above unless any such works are delayed by unforeseen circumstances.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the Schedule below during the dates in the Schedule below, when signs are displayed.

The purpose of the Order is to enable surrounding construction works to proceed. Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

9th January 2011

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SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
Brooms Road	The entire length	From 1st February 2011

Luton Borough Council THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (ALTHORP ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011
NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough
Council, the Highway Authority for the said
Borough, intends to make the above Order under
the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
The Order will come into operation on 25th
January 2011, and it is anticipated that works will
be completed during a period of 24 hours. The
Order is intended to create a window for the works
to be done and it is anticipated that the works will
be completed as per the schedule below unless
any such works are delayed by unforeseen
circumstances.

circumstances.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic and pedestrians the road and length of road, in the schedule below during the dates and times in the Schedule below when signs are

displayed.

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway and footpath repair works to be carried out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs. 9th January 2011

R J Stevens Solicitor to the Council Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD		DATES AND TIMES
Althorp Road	length	From 8am – 4pm on Tuesday 25th January 2011

BOROUGH OF LUTON

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luton Borough Council is considering an application for planning consent in respect of:-

Part change of use of ground floor and change of use of upper floors from Use Class A1 (retail) to Use Class A3 (restaurant) together with alterations to the shop

frontage. at 40 - 44 George Street, Luton which is in a Conservation Area. Application No: 10/01439/FUL

The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at www.luton.gov.uk (click on e-planning) and enter 10/01439/FÜL into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. Alternatively, you can use the screens at the Town Hall Planning Enquiry desk during normal office hours. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317.

Any representations concerning the proposal should be made to the Development Control Manager within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number above. This can be done in writing or on-line through public access.

Dated 9th January 2011

J.A. Barnell Development Control Manager Town Hall, Luton LU1 2BQ



Luton Borough Council
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (COLIN ROAD)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
The Order will come into operation on 26th January 2011, and it is anticipated that works will be completed during a period of 24 hours. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works.

to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed as per the schedule below unless any such works are delayed by unforeseen circumstances. The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the road and length of road in the schedule below during the dates and times in the Schedule

below when signs are displayed.

The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway repair works to be carried

out.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.

9th January 2011

R J Stevens

Solicitor to the Council Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD	DATES AND TIMES
Colin Road	From its junction with Ridgeway Road to its junction with Richmond Hill	From 8am – 4pm on Wednesday 26th January 2011

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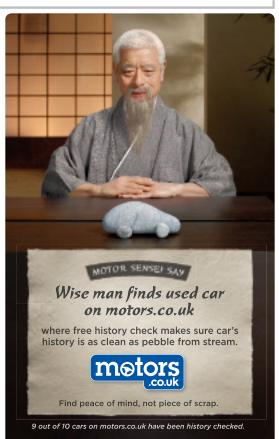
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Premier League sides are sent crashing

WEST BROM, Blackpool and Sunderland joined Newcastle as Premier League casualties in the FA Cup yesterday.

West Brom were sunk by Reading as the in-form Shane Long grabbed the only goal, while Blackpool lost 2-0 to Southampton

thanks to Lee Barnard and Guly Do Prado. Sunderland were beaten 2-1 at home by Notts County. Craig Westcarr and Lee Hughes put the League One side in charge before Darren Bent pulled one back.

Arsenal avoided home defeat to Leeds as Cesc Fabregas' late penalty cancelled out one from Robert Snodgrass.

Mick McCarthy's Wolves could not follow up their midweek league win over Chelsea as Billy Sharp and James Hayter scored to hold them to a 2-2 draw at Doncaster. Nenad Milijas and Stephen Hunt responded **FA CUP THIRD ROUND**

Round-up

for the visitors. Kyle Walker, Marc Albrighton and Stiliyan Petrov were on target for Aston Villa in a

3-1 win at Sheffield United, while Kevin Davies and Johan Elmander scored Bolton's late goals in a 2-0 win against York.

Stoke face an away replay after a 1-1 draw with Cardiff, but Everton were 5-1 winners at Scunthorpe, and Fulham also enjoyed a big win as they saw off League One Peterborough 6-2, Diomansy Kamara helped himself to a hat-trick.

Wigan won 3-2 at Hull, West Ham beat Barnsley 2-0 and Matt Derbyshire bagged a brace in Birmingham's 4-1 win at Millwall. Middlesbrough were dumped out 2-1 by

Burton, while Junior Hoilett got the only goal as Blackburn beat QPR 1-0.

High-flying Norwich lost 1-0 at home to Leyton Órient, and Portsmouth lost 3-1 to Brighton after having striker Dave Kitson sent off for violent conduct.

Sheffield Wednesday also caused an upset as Gary Teale, Neil Mellor and Clinton Morrison netted in a 3-0 win at Bristol City

Swansea were 4-0 winners over Colchester while Watford came from a goal down to beat Hartlepool 4-1 and Burnley

defeated Port Vale 4-2.
Coventry were 2-1 winners over Crystal Palace while Luke Chambers grabbed a late winner to help Nottingham Forest beat Preston by the same margin.

Huddersfield beat Dover 2-0 and Torquay upset League One side Carlisle 1-0.

FA CUP 2ND ROUND REPLAY Manset 4, 72 Fleetwood 36, 43 Att 1,794 Clapham 6 Facey 24 Grimes 48

RESULTS AND TABLES

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

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Toon stunned by super Stevenage

STEVENAGE produced one of the great FA Cup shocks when they knocked Newcastle out at Broadhall Lane last night.

A Mike Williamson own-goal and efforts by Michael Bostwick and Peter Winn saw off the Premier League stars with Joey Barton providing a late consolation.

Newcastle keeper Tim Krul had to pull off a wonderful save from Bostwick in the first half. Krul dived full length to his right to tip away a fierce 25-yard shot from Bostwick after 31 minutes to keep the

game goalless at half-time.

But Stevenage shocked the Premier League side with the first goal after 49 minutes.

The impressive Long came inside and unleashed a shot which looked to be going wide until it took a huge deflection off defender Williamson and nestled in the Newcastle net.

It was no more than Stevenage deserved, although Newcastle replied almost immediately with a chip from Kevin Nolan which saw Chris Day back-pedalling to tip the hall over the crossbar.

But Newcastle were in big trouble after 55 minutes when

STEVENAGE NEWCASTLE

Bostwick extended Stevenage's

This time Fabrizio Coloccini came sliding in for the tackle, but the ball slid clear and Bostwick pounced to send a low shot rifling past Krul and into the net off the foot of the

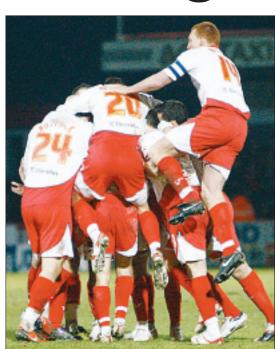
It got worse for Newcastle when substitute Cheik Tiote lunged two-footed at Jon Ashton in a moment of madness, and referee Andre Mariner had no option but to show the red card.

Stevenage might have extended their lead when Lawrie Wilson went almost clean through only for his shot to be smothered.

Newcastle pushed forward in the final 10 minutes, urged on by Barton in particular, and he produced a stunning 35-yard right-foot shot strike

Newcastle hope.

But even then Stevenage came back with a fantastic finish from Winn to make it 3-1 and clinch glory for the



LONG SHOTS: Stevenage celebrate after Stacy Long's shot is deflected in

Reds turn to hero Dalglish

LIVERPOOL'S new owners finally put an end to Roy Hodgson's miserable six months in charge at Anfield in ruthless fashion and immediately installed club legend Kenny Dalglish to take over in the interim.

Although Hodgson knew he was on borrowed time after New England Sports Ventures suggested after last week's home defeat to Wolves they were looking for alternatives, he would have expected to remain in



DALGLISH: Back in charge

charge for today's FA Cup tie at Manchester United. By bringing in Dalglish, widely regarded as the club's best ever player and their last manager to win the championship in 1990 – NESV have bought themselves some time, and set up an epic meeting with old foe Sir Alex Ferguson this lunchtime.

Principal owner John Henry said: "We are delighted that Kenny Dalglish has agreed to step in and manage the team for the FA Cup tie at Old Trafford, and for the remainder of the season."

Saints stunned as **Tigers extend lead** LEICESTER NORTHAMPTON

LEICESTER strengthened their grip at the top of the Aviva Premiership after a pulsating encounter at Welford Road.

The game was in the balance until the final quarter, but the Tigers pack were fell apart. The Saints' cause was not helped by the loss of England stars Courtney Lawes and Chris Ashton early in the first half.

Louis Deacon and Marcos Ayerza scored tries for Leicester, with Ben Foden crossing for the Saints.

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SEVENTH ḤEAVEN: Scorer Matt Yang who finished off Luton's try-filled afternoon, while Dan Blinkhorn (inset) bag a brace

Debut delight for Murphy and Mahendran

NATIONAL LEAGUE THREE MIDLANDS

LUTON BURTON

LUTON belatedly rang in the New Year with a superb seven-score performance and a grandstand finish, running in four of them in the last five minutes.

There were fine debut performances from former Ampthill player Joe Murphy, who kicked ten points and Tom Mahendran who

bagged the penultimate try.
The hosts started quickly with Dan Blinkhorn

dotting down three minutes in with Murphy converting, but Tom Barlow levelled the scores nine minutes later.

Murphy penalties either side of tries from Blinkhorn's second and one for Mike Weston gave them plenty of breathing room at the break. A penalty for Barlow reduced the arrears before Luton's Matt Allen and a Burton player were sin-binned in separate incidents.

Shaun Mahoney's score secured the bonus point before Jimmy Spiers, Mahendran and Matt Yang crossed over with Murphy converting three of the four.

MIDLANDS ONE EAST

DUNSTABLIANS started their 2011 league campaign in similar vein to their 2010 autumn efforts, suffering a 35-13 defeat

away at Derbyshire side, Ilkeston. This was Dunstablians twelfth defeat

out of 12 league fixtures this season, and with only one bonus point to show for their efforts and with just over half the season still remaining, the summer break must seem a long way away.

MIDLANDS TWO EAST (SOUTH)

JACK HANKY's last-minute winner saw STOCKWOOD PARK win 30-26 against Lutterworth.

The first half saw Martin Rowe, Hanky and Alex Hunter get on the scoresheet with Hanky also scoring a penalty to make it a tight 18-12 half-time score.

Jason Carr got the second period off to

a great start scoring a try with Steve Pollock converting, but Lutterworth took control and the lead making it 26-25 with minutes left.

Stockwood missed a late penalty but as all seemed lost, Hanky snatched the ball and made a run into the corner to touch down and also secure a bonus point.



Left to Right Ian Marshall. U16s Coach. Reece Marshall, Clark Davidson. Josh Skelcey and Dunstable chairman Graham White

White delight after Dees five called up

FIVE Dunstablians Under-16 players and one from Luton have all been selected for this year's Midlands squad for the Divisional Festival which will be played at Broadstreet RFC near Coventry from February 4 to 6. Reece Marshall, Josh Skelcey, Lewis

Jones, Julian Hensman and Clarke Davidson all come from the Bidwell Park club's youth set-up, while Brandon Lewsey from Stopsley High in Luton has also been

named in the 24-man squad that will also now go on to trial for England U16s.

Dees chairman Graham White said: "Dunstablians are very proud to have achieved this great honour, with lads that have been associated with the club from a very young age and where they learnt their basic rugby playing skills.

The Midlands U16s will play the South West on February 4 and London and the South East on February 6.

Luton's tale of ifs and buts might be one for the X-Files

BY IAN RYAN

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER BATH CITY

LUTON Town dropped their first points of the year as they were held to a goalless draw at Bath City in a match where they failed to make their chances

Claude Gnakpa had the best opportunity of the game as he somehow missed from four yards and Town hit the woodwork twice in the second half with Drury hitting the post and Lawless smashing the bar.

The West Country side have only lost twice at home all season and they could have claimed victory over the Hatters had Lee Phillips been more clinical after going through one-on-one with Tyler.

Bath's visit to Kenilworth Road back in October marked a milestone day for Luton Town as the Hatters celebrated its 125-year anniversary and yesterday's match also had its own moment of celebration as Cerys Matthews – former singer with Catatonia who shot to fame in the nineties with hit song 'Mulder and Scully' – made an appearance on the Twerton Park pitch, prior to kick-off, after marrying her manager and Luton Town supporting husband Steve Abbott in Cardiff on Friday.

In the third minute Claude Gnakpa could have

made it three goals in as many games as he pipped keeper Carl Pentney to Jake Howell's delivery but the Frenchman's header, despite dipping, flew just over

Town dominated the first ten minutes and Andy Drury had a great chance to test Pentney – however, the midfielder opted to cross instead of shoot and his delivery eluded everyone.

But City soon found their feet and nearly caught Luton out as Sido Jombati nodded the ball on across the five-vard box from Marc Canham's corner kick but nobody was there for a simple tap-in.

Moments later, a brilliant diving save from Pentney kept the score level after the ball bounced around the Bath penalty box before falling to Danny

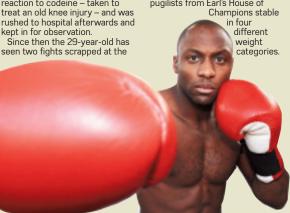
Manny signs up for some Capital Punishment

MANNY OSHUNRINDE has been added to the hill for Graham Farl's first ever promotion at London's home of boxing later this month.

The Capital Punishment show at The York Hall in Bethnal Green is the former WBU world champion's third show as a promoter and is set to feature a title fights as Earl's super middleweight fighter Paul Morby defending his Southern Area title

against Daniel Cadman. Luton-based former American college basketball player Oshunrinde (pictured) has had a stuttering start to his professional boxing career after his debut ended in a third round knock-out defeat to Brian Cusack at Bedford Corn Despite a promising opening two rounds he suffered an allergic reaction to codeine - taken to treat an old knee injury – and was rushed to hospital afterwards and kept in for observation.

last minute. Also on the Saturday, January 22 card will be six other pugilists from Earl's House of





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MISSED CHANCES: Claude Gnakpa (main picture) who somehow headed wide from several yards out and (inset) newlywed former Catatonia singer Cerys Matthews and her Luton fan husband Steve Abbott

Crow. But the forward's attempt was too close to the

Adie Harris came close to giving the hosts the lead,

his 35-yard effort only narrowly too high.

Howells then came to Luton's rescue as he outpaced Sekani Simpson to intercept Jombati's cross with the Bath defender poised for a simple tap-in. City nearly broke the deadlock again shortly after-

wards as a quick corner kick allowed Canham to fire a rocket of a shot marginally wide but Danny Webb was charging into the box and came close to divert-

ing the shot into the net.
Gnakpa was left wondering how he didn't put the Hatters ahead after he somehow headed Drury's corner wide from four yards out in what has to be a contender for the miss of the season.

The Frenchman had to wait until three minutes after the break to have his next effort on goal as he cut in from the right but his effort from just inside

the box was easily gathered by Pentney.
Lee Phillips should have put Bath in front after
Adam Connolly intercepted George Pilkington on the halfway line to put the striker through one-on-one with Mark Tyler with a chip over the defence but the forward fired wide despite being unchallenged.

Luton responded with a flurry of chances with Zdenek Kroca heading straight at Pentney from Drury's corner and then the keeper had to be at his best to save Crow's 25-yard curling effort.

The Hatters were now dominant and charging forward in wave after wave of attack and Drury came

agonisingly close to giving Luton the lead as his a low drive struck the post. The rebound fell to Amari Morgan-Smith but his off-balance stab was well over the unguarded goal. The forward had another attempt moments later but his 20-yard drive drifted

Luton could do anything but score. Despite great build-up work by Keith Keane and a through-pass by Jason Walker, Drury failed to slot past Pentney as he raced one-on-one with the keeper.

But as Luton pressed forward they were close to being exposed on the break as Jim Rollo played a clever ball to Jombati for the midfielder to fire against the crossbar and fortunately the ball rebounded to safety.

With seven minutes remaining, Drury played in an advancing Gleeson and the defender let off a fierce effort but the ball flew wide of the goal with Pentney desperately trying to get across his goal and Adam Connolly nearly had the final say as his 30-yard rocket narrowly missed.

Alex Lawless had his head in his hands as he nearly stole all three points in stoppage time as he struck the bar with a powerful right-footed volley.

LUTON TOWN: Tyler, Gleeson, Keane, Pilkington, Morgan-Smith, Barnes-Homer (J Walker, 61), Frury, Kroca, Howells, Gnakpa (Lawless, 74), Crow Unused subs: Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, Poku, Lawless Referee: Mr Warren Atkin (Crawley)

Town trio sign on the dotted line for keeps

THREE players on loan at Luton Town signed permanent deals with the club this week.

Midfielders Alex Lawless and Charlie Henry and striker Jason Walker are officially Hatters after signing their new contracts now the January transfer window has opened.

Lawless joined from York City and scored twice in Luton colours while Walker joined from Barrow and has also netted twice. Both scored in the 2-1 FA Trophy replay win at Welling

Winger Henry, who signs from Newport, has yet to feature having been sidelined with a foot injury.

Meanwhile midfielder Adam Murray completed his permanent transfer to Mansfield Town, while defender Craig Hinton has returned to his parent club Northampton Town after a month's loan at Kenilworth Road

In other loan moves. Town have sent young professional Adam Watkins back out on loan to Arlesey Town for a second month after the bad weather restricted him to just one substitute appearance in December. The youngster from Dunstable scored for the Blues in their 2-2 draw with Biggleswade Town on Monday.



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Barton on the Ball but bad luck denies them victory

ZAMARETTO DIVISION ONE CENTRAL **NORTH GREENFORD UNITED 2 BARTON ROVERS**

VISITING Barton will feel they deserved much more out of this game than just a

The first half saw no chances but Barton were firmly in control and were frustrated to be level at half-time.

Greenford took the lead on 53 minutes, with Russell Ball heading an equaliser ten minutes later.

Sam Spencer then assisted DJ Djuroke who hit an unexpected 20-yard strike to put Barton into the lead. Ball was then unlucky to hit the inside of the post. On 85 minutes North Greenford

scored a scrambled effort to steal a point from a disappointed Barton.

Dunstable Town see their chance drift away in the dying moments

SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER

NUMEROUS controversial decisions hampered this game as visiting Hadley snatched victory in the dying minutes from **DUNSTABLE TOWN**.

After 30 minutes Town's Kerran Birch lobbed in a cross which drifted all the way into the back of the net after the goalkeeper was 'blinded' by the sunlight.

On 41 minutes an indirect free kick was awarded inside Dunstable's area after goalkeeper Paul Taylor's dissent. The resulting goal levelled the scores at the

Hadley then had a goal disallowed for offside.

But on 89 minutes Hadley found the back of the net again, this time with claims of handball which were waved away.

SOUTH MIDLANDS DIV ONE

AFC DUNSTABLE'S match away at CRAWLEY **GREEN** was called off yesterday because of a waterlogged pitch.

AFC Dunstable have a South Midlands Challenge Trophy Quarter Final against Chalfont St Peter at home next week.

SOUTH MIDLANDS DIV TWO

THE 61FC thumped MK Wanderers 15-0 having held a 5-0 lead at half time. Aaron Lewis led the way with five goals while there were also hat-tricks for Ryan Smith and Jamie Irons.

The other goalscorers were Jack Magill, Matt Terry, Trishan Patel and Oliver Faulder.

KENT ATHLETIC won 5-1 at home to

BRACHE SPARTA COMMUNITY thanks to a flurry of late goals.

Ross Bates opened the scoring on seven minutes, although Brache missed a glorious opportunity to equalise three minutes later. Brache eventually levelled on 46 minutes

through Sam Forbes. However Kent re-established their lead on 65 minutes through Martin Powell.

Lee Potter made the score 3-1 on 77 minutes before Bates added his second and Rhys Calvanho scored in the final minute.

CADDINGTON recovered from conceding a second minute goal to draw 1-1 at home to Old Bradwell United.

Tom Hawksworth equalised on 33 minutes following a good move.

Caddington then hit the bar twice and missed a number of other good opportunities and therefore had to settle for

TOTTERNHOE suffered a 3-1 home defeat. to Mursley United in the other game in this

SATURDAY FOOTBALL RESULTS FROM THE REGION

ZAMARETTO DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

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AYLESBURY P P LIXBRIDGE

BURNHAM 2 1 WOODFORD UNITED

DAVENTRY TOWN 3 1 AFC HAYES

NORTH GREENFORD UTD 2 2 BARTON ROVERS

NORTHWOOD 2 1 BEACONSFIELD SYCOB

RUGBY TOWN 0 0 BIGGLESWADE TOWN

SLOUGH TOWN 1 1 HITCHIN TOWN SOHAM TOWN RANGERS 1 2 MARLOW

SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER PREMIER

AYLESBURY UNITED 3 1 HAREFIELD UNITED

BIGGLESWADE UNITED 0 0 HARINGEY BOROUGH

DUNSTABLE TOWN 1 2 HADLEY

HERTFORD TOWN 2 5 COLNEY HEATH

HILLINGDON BOROUGH P P BROXBOURNE BORO'

HOLMER GREEN P P K'BURY LONDON TIGERS

KENTISH TOWN P P LANGFORD OXHEY JETS 4 5 HANWELL TOWN

ROYSTON TOWN 1 0 TRING ATHLETIC

ST MARGARETSBURY P P LEVERSTOCK GREEN

STOTFOLD 1 2 CHALFONT ST PETER

SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER DIVISION ONE

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SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER DIVISION TW

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KENT ATHLETIC 5 1 BRACHE SPARTA CFC

THE 61 FC (LUTON) 15 O MK WANDERERS

TOTTERNHOE 1 3 MURSLEY UNITED

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CALL FOR CHANGE:

Richard reckons a re-think is needed over promotion spots

PROMOTION places in the Blue Square Bet Premier need to be brought in line with the Football League – that's the view of Luton Town manager Richard

Money.
The Hatters are one of five teams at the top of the Conference separated by only eight points and there are a host of clubs that used to ply their trade in the top four English divisions all vying to get back there

And with a number of these clubs now full time professionals it has boosted the quality in the non-league's top flight, so much so that Kenilworth Road boss Money has called for not one extra promotion spot but three.

"A lot has been said about the promotion status of this league," he said. "It took the Football League a while to accept non-league sides and since then there has been a call for more promotion

"A lot of big clubs find themselves in this league for some reason or another and are now spending a lot of money trying to get out of it having got their finances in order.

"In League Two there are clubs who are spending as little as possible trying to stay in the League. That's not right and something has to change.

"People have said there should be two automatic places and a play-off spot but I think there should be one more, just like League Two. There are a lot of clubs who would get promoted to the Football League and then back themselves to get promoted again and surely that's good for the game.

Generous Money commends Bath

BY IAN RYAN

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LUTON TOWN boss Richard Money has given credit to Bath City following the goalless draw at Twerton Park yesterday where the Hatters will rue a number of missed chances, including two that struck the woodwork and a sitter somehow missed by Claude Gnakpa.

The Hatters chief was pleased with the way his side performed in the match but thought his team were up against one of the table's in-form outfits.

Money said, "I thought it was an excellent performance. We played well and did everything we could to win the game. On another day we could've won it quite com-fortably but it wasn't to be. There are always two teams in a football match, some people seem to forget that.

"I thought they were outstanding. I thought they worked their butts off to keep us at bay. We've seen them three or four times recently and they are a good outfit which I said before the game. We're the top two in the form table and I think they shown everybody why that is the case."

Money has also tried to reassure support-

ers that despite the two points dropped, the result is positive one and with AFC Wimbledon, who they play on Wednesday, being held away to Darlington, Luton Town need to use the same approach against them to continue their push for promotion.

"It's the same challenge (against AFC Wimbledon)", said the Hatters boss. "We



have to go and play the way we want to play and impose ourselves on the match and be mindful of what they've got, but we're going to play exactly the same way as we always do and that is to go and win a football game.

"We play against a team like Hayes & Yeading every week – nine across the back and one up front. We play against it nearly every week.

"I think there was only one team that was really trying to win that football match and it's difficult

"We've hit the woodwork twice and we've missed half a dozen good chances. We'll take it and it's another point to the total.

"It's only in the context with what's happening at the top that people are a little bit disappointed, but it's an excellent point, that's the way I look at it."



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